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EPA orders massive clean-up at Double A Metals

U.S. Environmental Protect which was requested by the maining buildings and evaluated to the community have tion Agency (EPA) Region 5 Chicago Department of En-Double A Metals site, 3321 S. Puleski Road. The BPA began work at the abundaned metals recycling facility in to be completed in April.

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Representatives from the to the EPA's involvement - expects to test down the re- Minno. "Any potential hazsaid recently that cleanup is vironment - the site was proceeding quickly at the poorly secured and a target cleanup is \$600,000. for fly-dumpers and vandals. The site is now under 24hour security protection.

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Double A Metals, a subsidiary of Dixon, Illinois-based cated in Chicago's 22nd Jepsoor Metals, ceased op-Ward, bordered to the south erations in 1991. Between by a Commonwealth Edison 1983 and 1990, the site was operated by the Jay and from 1965 to 1983, by the H. Winter Metal Com-

Activity at the site goes

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EPA Cleaning Up Local Hazardous Waste Site

Protection Agency (EPA) involvement --- which was reports that cleanup is pro-requested by Chicago Deceeding quickly at the partment of Environment Double A Metals site, 3321 S. Pulaski Rd.

abandoned metals recycling facility in early February and is expected to complete it in April.

Hazardons materials found at the above site include scattered piles and containers of metal processing by-products contaminated by lead, as well as open containers of bag-

The US Environmental house dust. Prior to EPA's - the site was poorly secured and a target for fly-EPA began work at the dumpers and vandals. The site is now under 24-hour security protection.

When completed, an estimated 60 drums of processing by-products, 20 drums of waste oils and solvents, and 8,000 cubic yards of hazardous material will have been treated, removed, and transported to an industrial process waste landfill. After the cleanup, the city of Chicago expects to tear down the remaining buildings and evaluate the site for future re-use.

The estimated cost of the cleanup is \$600,000.

"EPA is pleased with the quick pace of cleanup and cooperation from the City of Chicago," said Regional Director William Muno. "Any potential hazards to the community have been contained and will soon be removed completely."

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